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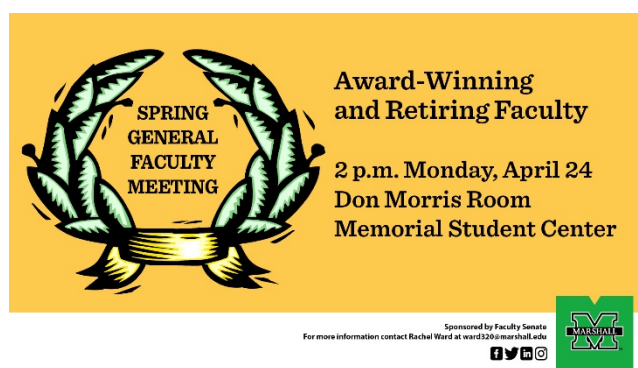
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The Newsletter for Marshall University

April 19, 2017

Award winners, retirees to be recognized in general faculty meeting



Awards of distinction will be presented and retiring faculty recognized during the spring general faculty meeting Monday, April 24, in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus.

The meeting begins at 2 p.m. and will include remarks from Marshall President Dr. Jerome Gilbert and Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Paige Muellerleile.

Two people will be given the Distinguished Service Awards. To qualify for Distinguished Service Awards, persons must have at least 20 years of service at Marshall University, a record of distinguished service to the university and/or college, and a record of distinguished teaching as evidenced by peer, administrative and/or student evaluations. The Distinguished Service Award winners, each of whom will receive \$1,000, are:

- Rebecca Johnson, associate professor, journalism and mass communications, College of Arts and Media; and
- Dr. Michael Norton, professor of chemistry, College of Science.

Three people and an additional team of three will receive the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award. To be eligible for the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards, faculty members must either be tenured or hold tenure-track appointments. The purpose of the award is to recognize distinction in the fields of artistic and scholarly activity on the part of the Marshall faculty. The senior recipients of the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards receive \$2,000 apiece, the junior recipient receives \$1,000 and the team receives \$2,000, to be divided equally among them. The Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards will be given to:

Senior Recipients:

- Dr. Jinsong Hao, associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences and research, School of Pharmacy; and

- Dr. Mark Zanter, professor of music, College of Arts and Media.

Junior Recipient:

- Dr. Michael Woods, assistant professor of history, College of Liberal Arts.

Team Recipient:

- Dr. Carl Mummert, associate professor of mathematics, College of Science;
- Dr. Elizabeth Niese, assistant professor of mathematics, College of Science; and
- Dr. Michael Schroeder, assistant professor of mathematics, College of Science.

Two people will receive the John and Frances Rucker Graduate Adviser of the Year award, which acknowledges the contributions of Marshall's outstanding graduate advisers. They are:

- Dr. Kimberly McFall, assistant professor of elementary and secondary education, College of Education and Professional Development; and
- Dr. Carl Mummert, associate professor of mathematics, College of Science.

Twenty-one retiring faculty, representing 506 years of service, will be recognized. They are:

- Timothy Balch, associate professor / librarian III, University Libraries, 27 years of service;
- Dr. Stephen Cooper, professor of Communication Studies, College of Liberal Arts, 16 years of service;
- Linda Dobbs, professor of music, College of Arts and Media, 35 years of service;
- Dr. Christopher Dolmetsch, professor of modern languages, College of Liberal Arts, 38 years of service;
- Dr. Renee Domanico, associate professor of pediatrics, School of Medicine, 17 years of service;
- Dr. Terry Fenger, professor of forensic science, College of Science, 38 years of service;
- Mary Grassell, professor of art and design, College of Arts and Media, 25 years of service;
- Dr. Donald Hall, professor of counseling, College of Education and Professional Development, 34 years of service;
- Dr. Jane Hill, professor of English, College of Liberal Arts, 8 years of service;
- Rebecca Johnson, associate professor of journalism and mass communications, College of Arts and Media, 39 years of service;
- Christine Lewis, associate professor / librarian III, University Libraries, 12 years of service;
- Dr. Marc Lindberg, professor of psychology, College of Liberal Arts, 38 years of service;
- Peter Massing, professor of art and design, College of Arts and Media, 29 years of service;
- Dr. Steven Mewaldt, professor of psychology, College of Liberal Arts, 42 years of service;
- Dr. Elizabeth Murray, associate professor of forensic science, College of Science, 18 years of service;
- Dr. Anise Nash, instructor of internal medicine, School of Medicine, 11 years of service;
- Dr. Gerald Rubin, professor of mathematics, College of Science, 39 years of service;
- David Spudich, instructor of management/marketing, Lewis College of Business, 9 years of service;
- Dr. Pamela Staton, professor of forensic science, College of Science, 14 years of service;

- Dr. Louis Watts, professor of leadership studies, College of Education and Professional Development, 10 years of service; and
- Dr. Jeanne Widener, associate professor of nursing, College of Health Professions, 7 years of service.

Also recognized at the meeting will be eight faculty award winners, six of whom were yesterday. They are:

- **Dr. Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award:** Dr. Eric Blough, professor of pharmaceutical sciences and research, School of Pharmacy;
- **Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award:** Dr. Kelli Prejean, associate professor of English, College of Liberal Arts;
- **Pickens-Queen Teacher Award:** Dr. Gregory Michaelson, assistant professor of engineering, College of Information Technology and Engineering; Dr. Robin Conley Riner, associate professor of anthropology; College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Nicole Winston, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, administration and research, School of Pharmacy; and
- **Council of Chairs Award for Excellence in Teaching:** Amanda Thompson-Abbott, instructor, accounting and legal environment, Lewis College of Business.

Also to be announced are the Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Award, the Hedrick Program Grant for Teaching Innovation and the Hedrick Faculty Teaching Fellow.

All faculty, staff, students and members of the public are invited to attend the general faculty meeting. During the meeting, refreshments will be provided to honor the retiring and award-winning faculty in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Blough named Hedrick Award winner



Dr. Eric R. Blough, professor of pharmaceutical sciences and research at Marshall, has been selected as the university's Dr. Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award winner for 2016-2017.

Blough will receive \$5,000 through a grant from Charles B. and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick. The award is named in honor of Charles Hedrick's father, Charles E. Hedrick, a former history professor and later chairman of the Graduate

Council, and one of the founders of Marshall's graduate program.

Marshall's Center for Teaching and Learning today announced the Hedrick Award and three others honoring five faculty members. They are:

Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award: Dr. Kelli Prejean, an associate professor in the English department.

Pickens-Queen Teacher Award: Dr. Gregory Michaelson, an assistant professor of engineering; Dr. Robin Conley Riner, an associate professor in the sociology and anthropology department, and Dr. Nicole Winston, an assistant professor of pharmacy practice, administration and research.

The Council of Chairs Award for Excellence in Teaching: Amanda Thompson-Abbott, an instructor in the accountancy and legal environment program.

Here is a look at the awards and the winners:

Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award

This award recognizes a full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty member who has a minimum of seven years teaching experience at Marshall and has a record of outstanding classroom teaching, scholarship, research and creative activities.

Dr. Eric Blough has been teaching at Marshall since 2003, when he joined the biological sciences department. He became a founding member of the pharmacy faculty in 2012. In addition to his teaching duties, he is director of pharmacology and toxicology, a member of the executive council and assistant dean for the curriculum at the pharmacy school.

"At the undergraduate and graduate level, he has been identified by students and peers as a committed and exceptional teacher," said Dr. Kevin Yingling, dean of the school of pharmacy. "...His service commitment to our students has been exemplary. He is past chairperson of the school's student assessment committee, curriculum committee and now serves in a two-year academic leadership program ... Eric has been exemplary in securing extramural research funding to build his research laboratory and complete [a] significant body of research outcomes ... Dr. Blough's commitment, performance and accomplishments demonstrate an exemplary faculty member in all academic areas of teaching, research and service."

"Dr. Blough is highly professional, and is well respected by his peers," said Dr. Faruk Khan, chair of pharmaceutical sciences and research. He possesses a very impressive personality and is such a faculty member that every department chair would be very proud to have. He is a great teacher and researcher. Dr. Blough is a true gentleman and a scholar and I have high praise for him."

"Dr. Blough easily meets the requirements for this prestigious award," said Dr. Kimberly Broedel-Zaugg, professor and chair of pharmacy practice, administration and research. "[When he] joined our faculty in early 2012 as a founding member of our team, [he brought with him] extensive teaching experience, research grants, and service to the university. I have seen him in

the classroom as well as spoken with his pharmacy students. He brings home a point in our flipped classroom environment with knowledge and enthusiasm that our students acknowledged with teaching awards.”

Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award

This award includes a \$3,000 stipend, and all tenured or tenure-track faculty members who have completed six or more years of service at Marshall are eligible.

Dr. Kelli Prejean has been teaching at Marshall since 2005, when she began teaching English composition and serving as interim director of the Writing Center. Since that time, she has become director of the center, as well as coordinator of the composition program and assistant director of the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Dr. Prejean has an enormous responsibility in that she trains all the teaching assistants who offer multiple sections of ENG 101 each semester,” said Dr. Jane Hill, chair of the English department. “The improvement in our composition students’ performance in our annual assessment and the success of the graduate students who have taught them as they move into their teaching jobs or doctoral study are extremely persuasive evidence of Dr. Prejean’s success in the classroom.”

“Dr. Prejean is a model of professionalism in her interactions with both students and colleagues,” Hill continued. “I call her my no-nonsense colleague. In our many conversations with students who have complaints about a course or a grade appeal before us, I have never seen her be anything less than effective, efficient, and clear. She is considered a blessing by almost every colleague who works with her in terms of her kindness, patience, and effectiveness in leading us toward success in our shared work.”

“Dr. Prejean’s work with students does not stop at the classroom door,” said Dr. Allison Carey, associate professor of English who has team-taught with Prejean. “I saw many students from that semester’s class come back to Dr. Prejean in her office hours for feedback about class assignments, for advice about course selection and even for advice about careers. Her rapport with students is that good: it builds a strong bond.”

“It was in Kelli’s class where I decided that majoring in English was the right decision for me,” said Anna Rollins, a former student of Prejean who is now a term instructor in Marshall’s English department. “Kelli is the first person that I go to whenever I have a question about my work; I value her mentorship enormously. I have nothing but praise for Kelli Prejean, and I cannot imagine a person more deserving of the Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award.”

Pickens-Queen Teacher Award

Each of these three award winners receives a \$1,000 stipend. The award honors outstanding junior faculty. All faculty members teaching on a full-time, tenured or tenure track appointment who have completed one to five years of service at Marshall are eligible.

Dr. Gregory Michaelson has been at Marshall since 2014, when he was hired as an assistant professor of engineering in the College of Information Technology and Engineering.

“Dr. Michaelson is an admirable faculty [member],” said Dr. Asad Salem, chair of the Weisberg Division of Engineering. “.... He has done a superb performance in his teaching, course and lab development and in teaching assessment and continuous improvement. Dr. Michaelson has excellent communication skills; he is a very good listener as well as an excellent speaker. His writing and presentation skills are superb.... Dr. Michaelson is well respected by our students as well as faculty and all of them stated that they had positive and pleasant experiences with Dr. Michaelson. Overall, I find Dr. Michaelson to be a well-rounded individual suited for this award.”

Michaelson earned his B.S. degree in civil engineering technology from Bluefield State College and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in civil engineering from West Virginia University.

Dr. Robin Conley Riner has taught at Marshall since August 2011, when she was a visiting assistant professor.

“Dr. Riner is well regarded by the faculty but even more so by students,” said Dr. Marty Laubach, chair of the department of sociology and anthropology. “Our Capstone course required students to conduct a research (or applied) project under the direction of the instructor (which has been me for the last few years) and another faculty member. Dr. Riner has been popular as the second committee member, even from sociology students, has served on a number of graduate student committees, even though there is not yet a graduate program in anthropology ... Dr. Riner is a great asset to the department and Marshall is very lucky to have a scholar and teacher of her caliber.”

Riner earned her B.A in anthropology and linguistics from New York University, and her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in anthropology from UCLA.

Dr. Nicole Winston has taught at Marshall since October 2012, when she was hired as an assistant professor of pharmaceuticals.

“Nikki really cares about our profession and our students,” **Broedel-Zaugg said**. “As an example, she serves as the advisor for our student chapter of the American Pharmacists Association. Second, she has included many students in research projects, allowing them to gain insight into another facet of pharmacy practice. Third, she has assisted numerous outreach projects including presentations of Generation Rx (a nationally recognized program geared to educate middle and high school students about drug abuse) as well as allowing prospective students in various diversity programs to participate in different laboratory teaching experiences.”

Winston earned her B.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Toledo and her M.S. and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Council of Chairs Award for Excellence in Teaching

The Council of Chairs Award for Excellence in Teaching, now in its second year, recognizes teaching excellence in Marshall's full-time term and temporary faculty. Each fall, members of the Council of Chairs (excepting the School of Medicine) are permitted to nominate up to two candidates from a given department. A \$1,000 cash award will be presented each year. Full-time term or full-time temporary faculty with at least two years' full-time teaching at Marshall University are eligible.

Amanda Thompson-Abbott is the recipient for 2016-2017.

"Amanda is very engaged with students through teaching three courses they take early in their major and being faculty advisor to our student organization," said Dr. Jeffrey Archambault, division head of accounting and legal environment. "She builds relationships with students while doing an excellent job of teaching. She encourages promising students to major in accounting and is successful in drawing a number of these students into our major. She willingly accepts many challenging assignments."

Photo: Dr. Eric Blough, professor of pharmaceutical sciences and research at Marshall University, has been selected as MU's Dr. Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award winner for 2016-2017.

Marshall names new Drinko Fellow



Dr. Rachael S. Peckham, associate professor of English, has been selected as the 2017-2019 Distinguished John Deaver Drinko Academy Fellow at Marshall University, according to Dr. Alan Gould, executive director of the academy. The announcement of her appointment was made at the annual Drinko Fellows dinner April 1.

Appointed biennially, the fellow receives a stipend, a reduced teaching load, and other financial and clerical support for two academic years to undertake research projects and other scholarly pursuits.

Peckham says she is in the process of revising a book-length manuscript of lyric nonfiction and will be using some of the release time from the fellowship to continue her work on the project.

Her scholarship has appeared in Composition Studies, Xavier Review and Phi Kappa Phi's The Forum, and her creative work has been featured in Brevity, Briar Cliff Review, Calliope, Diagram, Dos Passos Review, Edge, Gulf Coast, Inkwell, Hotel Amerika, Passages North, Sentence, Southloop Review, Southwest Review, Tupelo Quarterly, Under the Sun and elsewhere.

Her chapbook of prose poems, Muck Fire, won the Robert Watson Poetry Award at Spring Garden Press in 2010, and another book, Fields of Vision, was a finalist for the National Poetry Competition Series in 2014. She is the 2016 winner of Indiana Review's 1/2 K Prize, the Orison Anthology Nonfiction Award, and the Crab Orchard Review Special Feature Literary Nonfiction Award. Her essays have been nominated for a Pushcart Prize, and received notable mention in multiple editions of the Best American Essays series.

At Marshall, she teaches courses in creative nonfiction, as well as a literature seminar for the Society of Yeager Scholars. She received the Pickens-Queen Teacher Award in 2015, the Distinguished Artists and Scholars award in 2011, and was inducted into Marshall's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi in 2012.

Peckham has been at Marshall since 2009. She earned her bachelor's degree in English literature and creative writing in 2002 from Hope College; her master's in creative writing in 2004 from Georgia College & State University; and her doctorate, also in creative writing, in 2009 from Ohio University.

Marshall University Theatre's 'Guys and Dolls' to open tonight



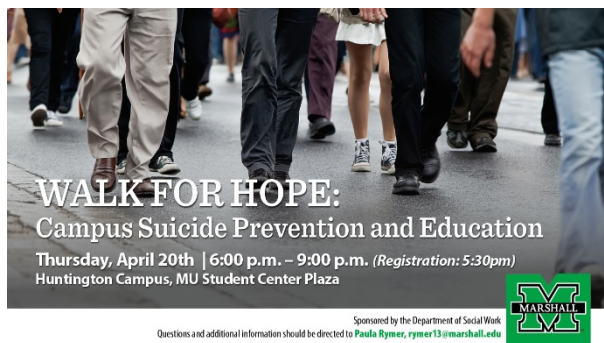
The School of Theatre will present the classic musical "Guys and Dolls" by Frank Loesser, Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Performances will take place Wednesday, April 19, through Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m.

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, which has won a bevy of awards, including Tony Awards, Drama Desk and Oliviers, the show is set in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City. "Guys and Dolls" is an oddball romantic comedy of gamblers, entertainers, city cops and even the Salvation Army! Loesser's immortal score and Burrows' and Swerling's hysterical story takes the audience from the heart of Times Square to the cafes of Havana, Cuba, and even into the sewers of New York City.

Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for Marshall University employees, as well as patrons 60 years and older. Marshall University students are admitted with a valid I.D.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Marshall's box office on the Huntington campus Monday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. or call 304-696-ARTS (2787).

Marshall to host Walk for Hope April 20 to raise awareness for campus suicide prevention



The Department of Social Work will host the Walk for Hope: Campus Suicide Prevention and Education event from 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, April 20, on the university's Memorial Student Center plaza on the Huntington campus.

Paula Rymer, a faculty member in the Master of Social Work program, said Walk for Hope originated a few years ago with a local walk she

organized in eastern Kentucky to promote education and awareness in the areas of suicide and mental health.

"The second highest rate of suicides happens in the 14 to 24 year old age group. We have found that addressing mental health issues for students on campus increases retention rates and lowers alcohol and drug use on campus," Rymer said.

Rymer said our society has to promote the discussion about mental health and wellness because too many young adults are lost to suicide every day.

"We are hoping for the reduction of stigma and reduction in the fear of asking for help," Rymer said. "Stigma is such a hindrance for people so it is very important for a campus prevention walk to take place at Marshall University."

The Walk for Hope will kick off at 6 p.m. with good music, positive energy and personal testimonials from individuals in the community who have been affected by suicide. Rymer said the event is free and open to the public. The Huntington community is encouraged to attend.

To learn more about Marshall's Walk for Hope, contact Rymer at rymer13@marshall.edu or call 304-696-5770. For more information on activities sponsored by the Department of Social Work, visit www.marshall.edu/social-work online.

MILITARY HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROJECT

Thursday, April 20 • 1 PM • Buskirk Field

OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR FALLEN MILITARY FORCES, AND BLINDED MEMBERS OF OUR UNIVERSITY AND CAMPUS.

Through partnering with several organizations and clubs on Marshall University's campus we intend to teach our student body the importance of their health and well-being through real-life testimonies of U.S. veterans and our developing student research.

For more information, contact Bruce Gibson gibson279@live.marshall.edu



For more information, contact Britt Frye, frye63@marshall.edu or visit www.marshall.edu/housing/stayandserve



Alumni Weekend begins Friday with events, award winners



The Marshall University Alumni Association (MUAA) announced this week its list of 2017 major award winners, who will be recognized at the 80th annual Marshall University Alumni Awards Banquet. The banquet will take place at 7 p.m Saturday, April 22, in the Don Morris Room on the university's Huntington campus.

“Recognizing the accomplishments of our alumni each year during our annual awards banquet is a tremendous honor and tradition we treasure,” said Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni relations. “This year, our 80th, is no exception. Our awardees throughout the past eight decades are exceptional alumni and ambassadors of

our alma mater. We look forward to recognizing our newest honorees.”

Highlighting the list of more than a dozen honorees is Jeffrey Porter, founder and owner of Porter & Associates CPA, who has been named recipient of the Marshall University Distinguished Alumni Award, MUAA's highest honor. Other award recipients include Red Dawson, recipient of the Distinguished Service to Marshall Award; Brandy Barkey Sweeney and George Smailes, recipients of the Outstanding Community Achievement Award; Griffin McElroy, recipient of the Young Alumni Award; and a number of additional honorees including MUAA Club of the Year, scholarship awards and awards from many of Marshall University's colleges.

Porter, a 1977 graduate of Marshall University, has been active in the American Institute for CPAs for over 27 years and is currently serving on the board of directors and its Governing Council, as secretary of the AICPA Political Action Committee and chair of the Tax Reform Task Force. He was previously chair of the Tax Executive Committee. He was the 2016 recipient of the Arthur J. Dixon Memorial Award, the highest honor bestowed by the accounting profession in the area of taxation.

Porter currently resides in Huntington, where he has presided over Porter & Associates CPA for more than 30 years.

Other major award winners include Red Dawson, Brandy Barkey Sweeney, George Smailes and Griffin McElroy.

Dawson will receive the Distinguished Service to Marshall Award. Following a successful football career as an All-American tight end and defensive end for Florida State and a brief stint in the NFL with the Boston Patriots, Dawson was brought to Marshall University to serve as receivers coach. On November 14, 1970, Dawson famously missed the Southern Airways Flight that claimed 75 members of the Thundering Herd football team while on a recruiting trip. He later served as assistant coach alongside Jack Lengyel, helping rebuild the Marshall University football program. He was portrayed by Matthew Fox in the Warner Bros. adaptation of the story in the motion picture, "We Are Marshall."

Sweeney and Smailes will receive the Community Achievement Award. Sweeney is an educator and marketing professional from Point Pleasant, West Virginia, with decades of experience in giving back to her community. She has served as the county coordinator for the Mason County Toys for Kids Association for more than 30 years and has devoted her life to giving back to her community. Smailes, from Huntington, recently retired as executive director at the Huntington YMCA and has spent his 49-year career serving the people of Huntington while building a great community organization.

McElroy, recipient of the Young Alumni Award, was chosen for his work as founding editor of Polygon, Vox's video game website, as well as for his weekly podcasts, which have received over 3.5 million views on YouTube. McElroy was also recently named to Forbes magazine's 30 Under 30 list for media. The 29-year-old currently resides in Austin, Texas.

Other awards being handed out during Alumni Weekend 2017 include the Carolyn B. Hunter Faculty Service Award, Cam Henderson Scholarship Award, Nancy Pelphrey/Herd Village Scholarship Award, Nate Ruffin Award, MUAA Club of the Year and various Awards of Distinction presented by each of Marshall University's colleges.

The Marshall University Alumni Awards Banquet is part of the larger Alumni Weekend, celebrating all things Marshall University. The two-day gathering will include a number of activities for alumni of all ages and offers a unique opportunity to reminisce with fellow Marshall alums while witnessing first-hand the growth and future plans of Marshall University.

Marshall University Alumni Weekend will kick off on Friday, April 21, with a dinner theatre in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre inside the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by Marshall Theatre's production of "Guys & Dolls."

Alumni Weekend will continue Saturday, April 22, with a Class Breakfast honoring the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1967, the 25-year reunion of the Class of 1992 and those who graduated prior to 1966 as members of the Grand Class. Breakfast and a special presentation will begin at 9 a.m. in John Marshall Room inside the Memorial Student Center.

Also on Saturday, April 22, alums will have an opportunity to participate in the Fountain Ceremony on the Memorial Student Center Plaza at noon, followed by the Thundering Herd Green and White Spring football game at 3 p.m.

The weekend will conclude with the 80th annual Alumni Awards Banquet honoring distinguished alumni and friends on Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris Room.

Tickets to Marshall University's annual Alumni Weekend are available online at www.HerdAlum.com or by calling 304-696-3134. For more information, visit the MUAA website at www.HerdAlum.com or e-mail alumni@marshall.edu.

Marshall Family Medicine physician named West Virginia Family Doctor of the Year



Dilip Nair, M.D., a family medicine physician and professor in the department of family and community health at the [Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine](#), has received the 2017 Family Doctor of the Year award from the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians.

The Family Doctor of the Year award is the highest honor presented to a physician by the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians (WVAFP), an organization that represents more than 1,000 physicians and medical students statewide. The award recognizes one outstanding, community-minded family physician each year who provides compassionate, comprehensive care and serves as a role model, both professionally and personally, in his or her community, to other health care professionals, physicians-in-training and medical staff.

"Dr. Dilip Nair is the consummate family physician," said Stephen M. Petrany, M.D., chair of the department of family and community health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

“Countless patients and students have benefited from his genuine concern for their welfare. For more than two decades, he has contributed his substantial knowledge and compassion to our efforts to improve the health of West Virginians. I can think of no one more fitting or worthy of receiving this very special award.”

Nair, a board-certified family doctor with [Marshall Health](#), earned his Doctor of Medicine at the University of Connecticut in Farmington, Connecticut, and completed his residency at Marshall University. In addition to providing comprehensive care for all ages, Nair also specializes in homebound care and travel medicine.

The award was presented to Nair by Philip A. Galapon, M.D., current president of the WVAFP and Marshall School of Medicine alumnus, at the organization’s annual scientific assembly in Charleston.



Student Research and Creativity Day to take place Friday

An intercollege **Student Creativity and Research Day** will take place Friday, April 21. Marshall students will present the research, expository, and creative work they have conducted. The event will include an interdisciplinary poster session the morning of April 21, along with three oral presentation sessions with 10-minute talks.

The poster presentation will be held from 10 a.m. to Noon in the Don Morris Room. More than 30 students will present their posters. Oral presentations will be held from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Noon to 1:15 p.m., and 1:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. in WAEC (Engineering Complex) 3121.

For more information and the draft program of speakers, please visit <http://science.marshall.edu/mummertc/SCRD17/>. For additional information, please contact any of the organizers listed there.

Marshall partners with Sen. Joe Manchin on Huntington job fair Friday



Marshall is partnering with U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin and others to offer a job and resource fair this Friday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in Huntington.

Job seekers will have an opportunity to speak with more than 140 employers from across the region, including Amazon, Bombardier, West Virginia American Water, UPS and Service Wire Company.

Marshall's Office of Career Services will be offering one-on-one consultations to assist with interview tips and resume development, and the university's photographer will be taking professional headshot portraits for people to use in their job searches. In

addition, a special session called "How to Find and Get Federal Jobs" will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Other job fair partners include the City of Huntington, WorkForce West Virginia, SWWV Region 2 Workforce Investment Board, Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce, Huntington VA Medical Center, Huntington Area Development Council and iHeartRadio.

A flier with a complete list of participating employers is available at <http://tinyurl.com/huntingtonjobfair>. For more information, call (304) 342-5855.



MU Bookstore to host signing for Huntington author Carter Seaton

The Marshall University Bookstore will host local author Carter Seaton for signings of her recent book titled, "The Rebel in the Red Jeep: Ken Hechler's Life in West Virginia Politics." The event will take place Saturday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the university's bookstore, located in the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus.

Courtney Vance-Joseph, general merchandise manager for the bookstore, said it's important to recognize local talent, especially when they have demonstrated success in their profession.

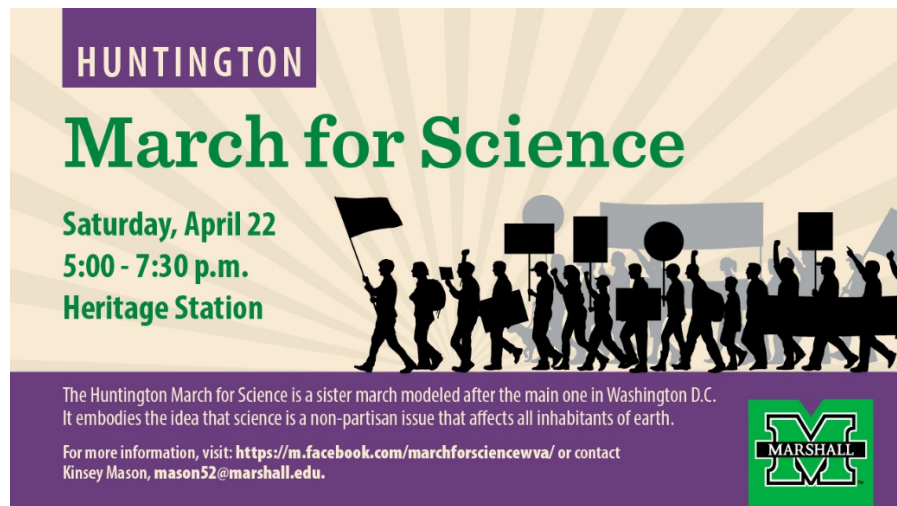
"Seaton is the recipient of 2015 Marshall University Distinguished Alumni Award," Vance-Joseph said. "It is important for us to recognize not only Ms. Seaton for being a distinguished

alumna, but for her efforts to highlight an iconic figure in our community, Mr. Ken Hechler, who was a former faculty member of Marshall University.”

In addition to the 2015 Marshall University Distinguished Alumni Award, Seaton was the recipient of the 2014 West Virginia Library Association’s Literary Merit Award and the 2016 Governor’s Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts. Seaton is the author of *Hippie Homesteaders: Arts, Crafts, Music, and Living on the Land in West Virginia*, two novels, and numerous magazine articles. A marketing professional for 30 years, Seaton previously directed a rural craft cooperative and enjoys ceramic sculpture.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information on Seaton’s author signing, contact Vance-Joseph by calling 304-696-2460.



Payroll to offer information sessions next week on transition to biweekly pay

In anticipation of the conversion to biweekly pay this fall, the Payroll Office will be holding two informational sessions next week regarding the change. Both sessions will be held in Drinko Library 402.

Sessions are scheduled as follows:

- Monday, April 24, from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, April 26 from 10 to 11 a.m.

Please continue to check the [Pay Changes website](#) throughout the summer for additional information regarding the conversion as it becomes available.

Honors students to present ‘Stigma of Disease’ Monday

STIGMA

Deadlier than cancer, HIV, & STDs

Join us for an experiential exploration
of medical stigmas

Monday, April 24th, 2017
4:30 – 6:30 PM
Memorial Student Center, BE5


Presented by Dr. Maggie Stone's HON 480 Class & the HCSEA



- 👉 Do you know what stigma is?
- 👉 Are you interested in working with a stigmatized population?
- 👉 Have you ever experienced a stigma yourself?

The Honors Senior Seminar, “Stigma of Disease” would like to invite you to our Stigma Fair from 4:30-6:30p on Monday, April 24, in the Memorial Student Center, room BE5. This will be an experiential program that allows participants to interactively explore the human experience of stigma as it impacts those affected by chronic disorders, such as cancer, invisible illnesses and HIV (among others).





The event is free and open to all. Cookies and punch will be served. This event is sponsored by The Honors College and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.




Examining **culture**
and **subsistence**
strategies through
food. Come Partake.

Tuesday, April 25th 2017
11:00 am -12:15 pm
Marco's (MSC Basement)

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Marshall Orchestra concert features piano soloist Botes



The Marshall University Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in Smith Recital Hall.

Titled “Romantic Favorites,” the program will include “Valse Lyrique” by Sibelius, Rimsky-Korsakov’s “Capriccio Espagnol,” and the Grieg Piano Concerto, featuring Marshall University faculty member Dr. Johan Botes as soloist.

A native of South Africa, Botes was the 2007 First Prize Winner of the UNISA/Vodacom National Piano Competition playing Rachmaninoff’s technically demanding Third Piano Concerto to a standing ovation; a performance for which he also won the Desmond Willson Memorial Prize for best concerto in the final round. He has appeared as soloist with the Chamber Orchestra of South Africa, Pro Musica Orchestra in Johannesburg, the KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra in Durban, the University of Pretoria Symphony Orchestra, and the Texas Chamber Orchestra at UT Austin. He has also performed in Prague with the Hadrec Kralove Orchestra in 2003, and in 2005 he toured in Bulgaria, where he played with the Varna Philharmonic Orchestra in Varna.

Botes holds degrees from the University of Texas at Austin, the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London and the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He is currently assistant professor of piano at Marshall.

The performance is free and open to the public; donations will be accepted.

For further information please contact the Marshall University School of Music at 304-696-3117.

HUMAN RESOURCES TRAINING SEMINAR

with guest author **Christopher D. Lee**

Christopher D. Lee, PhD, SPHR, author of “Search Committees: A Comprehensive Guide to Successful Faculty, Staff and Administrative Searches,” will host a training seminar on best practices and hiring principles for finding the best candidates and selecting from diverse candidate pools.

All Hiring Managers and Search Committee Chairs at Marshall University are strongly encouraged to attend.

All hiring managers should order a book for their departments prior to the seminar.

April 27th: 12:30 to 4 p.m. or April 28th: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Drinko Library 402

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Empty Bowls

**Friday, April 28, 2017
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**First Presbyterian Church
1015 5th Avenue
Huntington, WV**



You make a difference. In the past 13 years, Huntington's version of the national initiative **Empty Bowls** has raised more than **one million meals** worth of donations for the **food bank**.

Faculty Achievement: Dr. Sherry Early

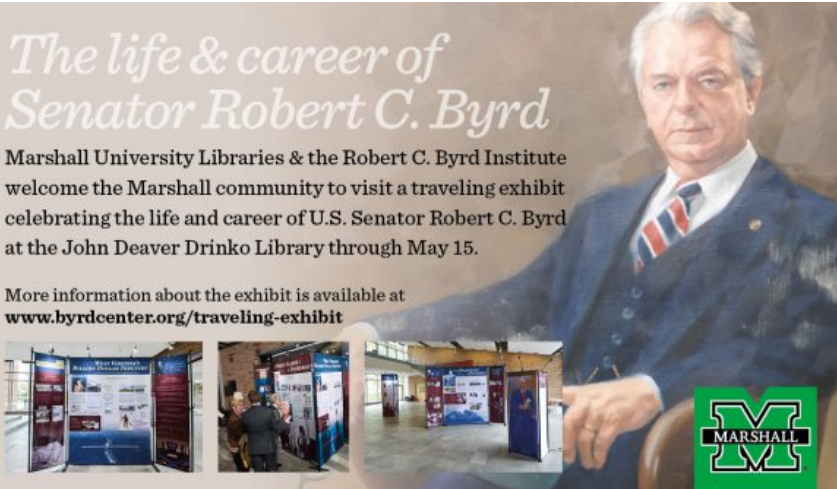
Dr. Sherry Early, assistant professor of leadership studies, is the recipient of 2017 Association of College and University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I) Manuscript of the Year. The award was given in Providence, Rhode Island, for her dissertation research on mentoring outcomes and leadership capacity in resident assistants. The dissertation is online at http://rave.ohiolink.edu/etdc/view?acc_num=bgsu1387541026.

Last fall, as previously reported, she received the award for a junior faculty paper at the SRCEA conference in Charleston, West Virginia.

*The life & career of
Senator Robert C. Byrd*

Marshall University Libraries & the Robert C. Byrd Institute welcome the Marshall community to visit a traveling exhibit celebrating the life and career of U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd at the John Deaver Drinko Library through May 15.

More information about the exhibit is available at www.byrdcenter.org/traveling-exhibit



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